

WATER SUPPLY FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR COMPLETING INCREASE OF WATER SUPPLY FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

JANUARY 29, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 28, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, of the 25th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for completion of the work for increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C., as received from the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, \$75,000.

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, January 25, 1902.

SIR: The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to transmit herewith a supplemental estimate of \$75,000 for increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C., for the fiscal year 1903, prepared under the direction of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and transmitted to the Commissioners by the Secretary of War, with recommendation for its inclusion in the annual estimates for the

support of the government of the District of Columbia for said fiscal year.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND,
*President of the Board of Commissioners
of the District of Columbia.*

Hon. LYMAN J. GAGE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, January 22, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, with recommendation for its transmission to Congress, a supplemental estimate of \$75,000 for completion of the work for increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C., together with a copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. A. M. Miller, Corps of Engineers, dated January 7, 1902, explaining the necessity for the appropriation and the objects to which it is proposed to apply the funds.

The act of Congress approved June 11, 1878 (20 Stats., 104), directs that the estimates for the "expenses of the Washington Aqueduct and its appurtenances" shall be submitted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. S. GILLESPIE,
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

Hon. ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT,
Washington, D. C., January 7, 1902.

GENERAL: The amount available for the completion of the Washington Aqueduct tunnel, appropriation for increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C., act of June 6, 1900, over and above the outstanding liabilities, is \$10,000. This amount will be required for the completion of the east shaft gatehouse.

In addition to this work there are the following expenditures required to complete the work in order that it be placed in a proper and sightly condition:

Iron fence around reservoir	\$27, 120
Outside fencing	1, 120
Roads, walks, ditches, and drains around reservoir	10, 000
Grading and improving surrounding grounds at reservoir	7, 500
Gatekeeper's house at reservoir	5, 000
House over west shaft and fencing	3, 000
Fencing and cleaning at Foundry Branch shaft	500
Watchman's house, fencing, and grading at Rock Creek shaft	5, 000
Fencing, grading, and cleaning at Champlain avenue shaft	2, 000
	61, 240
Small houses over end of circulating conduit and spring house	3, 000
Outer slope of dam at reservoir	3, 000
	67, 240
10 per cent, office and supervision	6, 724
	73, 964

I would therefore respectfully recommend that a supplemental estimate for \$75,000 for completing the work for increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C., be submitted to Congress through the proper authorities.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. MILLER,
Lieutenant-Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

Brig. Gen. G. L. GILLESPIE,
Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army.

Increasing the water supply of Washington, D. C.—

For fencing, cleaning, grading, and improving the public grounds pertaining to the Washington City reservoir and the shafts of the Washington Aqueduct tunnel; for necessary gatekeepers' dwellings, and for structures needed to protect the west shaft and the intake and Congressional Spring at the Washington City reservoir, to be available immediately and until expended, (acts of June 11, 1878, vol. 20, p. 104, sec. 3; June 30, 1898, vol. 30, p. 533, sec. 1; Mar. 1, 1901, vol. 31, p. 832, sec. 1) \$75,000.00
Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1902. 162,222.97

NOTE.—The work of completing the Washington Aqueduct tunnel and Washington City reservoir has been practically completed, and the tunnel and reservoir are now in service. It now becomes necessary to do certain work essential to guarding and protecting the said tunnel and reservoir from contamination and injury. It was hoped that funds heretofore appropriated would suffice for these items, but the great rise in prices of structural materials during the progress of the work has rendered necessary supplemental estimates as above.

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